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AMENDED CLAIMS

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functional disturbances in levels of anticoagulant activity of Factor V as cofactor to APC.

- 38. Factor V, suitably human Factor V, capable of becoming activated to exert Factor V_a procoagulant activity but not capable of exerting anticoagulant activity, preferentially not anticoagulant activity as a cofactor to APC, said factor being in a substantially pure form.
- 39. Factor V, suitably human Factor V, capable of exerting anticoagulant activity, preferentially as a cofactor to APC, but not capable of expressing procoagulant activity of Factor V_a.
- 40. Method to determine for an individual a predisposition to develop thrombosis due to inherited APC-resistance caused by gene mutation(s), said method comprising determining for a cell sample from said individual occurence of Factor V gene mutation(s), which mutation(s) is (are) located in one or more nucleic acid fragment(s) and/or sequences of the Factor V gene, said mutations giving rise to expression of a mutated Factor V/Va molecule, which is associated with expression of APC-resistance and, thus, predisposition to develop thrombosis.
- 41. Method of claim 40, wherein the said mutation(s) is (are) determined as an abnormal absence or presence of nucleic acid fragment(s) and/or sequence(s) in the Factor V gene caused by the said mutation(s), current methods, such as methods based on nucleic acid hybridization assays, nucleic acid sequencing, or immunoassays, being used.
- 42. Method of claim 40, wherein the said mutation(s) is (are) determined indirectly based on linkage thereof to a neutral polymorphism in the Factor V gene.
- 43. A method for determining in a sample, preferably a blood or blood derived sample, such as plasma, the level of a blood component expressing anticoagulant activity, wherein said blood component is comprised of Factor V and Factor V is determined with an immunological method.